

**Holland Conservation Commission**  
**27 Sturbridge Road, Holland MA 01521**  
**Minutes of Conservation Commission held on April 14, 2020**

**NOTE:** Due to the Corona Virus this meeting was held remotely using Go-To-Meeting

**Members Attending Remotely:** Chairperson, Jessica Chaffee; Kaitlin Laabs; Kathy McKenna; Marcia Beal; Sam Spratlin; Dawn Kamay     **Members Absent:** None

**Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm by Jessica Chaffee, Chairperson**

**Approval of Minutes from 3/24/2020:** Kaitlin made a motion to approve the minutes from 3/24/2020. Dawn seconded. All in favor; motion passed with a yes vote from the following members.

- **Members who verbally voted in favor:** Jessica Chaffee, Kaitlin Laabs, Sam Spratlin, Dawn Kamay, Marcia Beal, Kathy McKenna. **No one verbally opposed.**

**Email Correspondence:**

- 3/27/2020: From Mark Stinson with NOI #184-0373 for 29 Lakeridge Drive/Bedard. (*Jessica acknowledged receipt.*)
- Several emails to and from Deb Colt relating to general Conservation Business: Posting of public notices and mailing out abutters notices, and posting minutes on the ConCom Website.
- 3/30/2020: Expenditure Report forwarded to Dawn Kamay
- 4/1/2020: From MACC with guidance from MASS DEP indicating that a separate confirmation email needs to be sent along with any electronic filing. The directions were specific about what needs to appear in the email subject line. (*Kathy forwarded the email to Deb Colt, Jessica and Kaitlin.*)
- 4/1/2020: From the Holland Town Administrator regarding how to get mail from the Town Hall.
- 4/2/2020: From Brian Haughey with clarification for second home-owners on the Governor's instructions all travelers to Massachusetts must quarantine for 14 days.
- 4/3/2020: From Jason Carmignani with a link to his research dissertation on the ecological impacts of annual winter drawdowns in Massachusetts lakes and ponds.
- 4/4/2020: From Robbin Lauzon informing us that they have installed the silt fence as requested, and they have informed the contractor that under no circumstances is any heavy equipment to come onto the lawn.
- 4/6/2020: Expenditure Report forwarded to Dawn Kamay.
- 4/6/2020: Deb Colt relayed a voice mail message from 4/3/2020 regarding a request to cut down a tree at 9 Island Road. (*Kaitlin will respond.*)
- 4/7/2020: From the Brimfield Conservation Commission indicating that they received an abutter notification yesterday for a project at 29 Lakeridge Drive in Holland. (*Kathy for-*

*warded to Deb Colt and she responded that she thought it was standard procedure to notify adjacent towns. ConcCom will clarify this.)*

- 4/9/2020: From MaryAnn Bauchiero asking why there are no restrictions on permitting for Hot Tubs which have chlorine water and when they are drained and this is not good for trees, shrubs and lawn. Nothing seems to be required. *(Kathy responded that this is not jurisdictional until the run-off reaches the resource area.)*
- 4/13/2020: Forward from Deb Colt with a concern from 3 Shore Drive regarding neighbors who built a dirt bike track on their property, and this has created a great deal of noise. She didn't know if the concern should be forwarded to ConCom or the Planning Board. *(Jessica responded to Deb that the property is out of ConCom's jurisdiction.)*
- 4/14/2020: From Mark Stinson updating us on an oil spill off Five Bridge Road due to an overturned truck. The Clean-up is being handled by Dave Slowick, DEPs Emergency Response Chief. Mark noted that Holland ConCom may have to issue an emergency permit for the clean-up.
- 4/14/2020: Erin and Mike Franzo, 16 Lakeshore Drive want to remove 1 Birch Tree that is leaning dangerously over a play area used by children and adults.

#### **General Correspondence:**

- 4/14/2020: Unable to access the Town Hall to check the mailbox due to Corona Virus restrictions.
- Jessica noted that she received a check to cover the cost of the Island Road Newspaper Ad

#### **Phone Messages:**

4/3/2020: A request to cut down a tree at 9 Island Road.

#### **Review New Tree Removal Applications:**

- **DB Tree's concern**— A letter to the homeowner will be mailed tomorrow, 4/15/2020.
- **9 Island Road/Joe Bergeron:** 3 Trees to be removed. Trees are very close to the house. A large oak has rotted branches that continue to fall even though he has had it professionally trimmed. The second tree is growing under the house foundation and is growing into the walkway. This tree is a smaller oak. The third tree is a small pine tree on the corner of the house and branches continue to fall off.
- **16 Lakeshore Drive/Erin and Mike Franzo:** A leaning birch tree about 80 feet from the water presents a danger to people and property.

#### **Site visits that need to be made:**

9 Island Road—Tree removal

16 Lakeshore Drive—Tree removal

378 Mashapaug Road—Complaint

#### **Round Table:**

- Complaints for 35 Heritage Drive across the road. They are supposedly mixing and pouring concrete by hand. Andy and Jessica had visited last summer. Jessica would like to issue an emergency order to Stop Work and contact Conservation. She needs verbal approval from the members to do this. Jessica also emphasized that ConCom members should not visit this site without notifying the police.

- **Kaitlin made a motion to approve a Cease and Desist Order to be sent by certified mail to the property owner of 35 Heritage Drive. Marcia seconded.**
- **Members who verbally voted in favor:** Jessica Chaffee, Kaitlin Laabs, Sam Spratlin, Dawn Kamay, Marcia Beal, Kathy McKenna. **No one verbally opposed.**
- **Motion passed Jessica will send a Cease and Desist Order**
- Complaint from Chris McCooe with regard to 378 Mashapaug. The dirt driveway is right along the brook; Chris is concerned about what is leaching into the brook and eventually the lake. She noted that there are oil bottles tipped into the brook. Jessica asked for someone to take a ride by to observe. Kaitlin will check it out and so will Marcia.
- 5 Bridge Road—Truck roll-over on 5 Bridge Road. Jessica shared the email from Mark Stinson. He wanted everyone to be aware of what was happening. Some questions arose about the fact that the property appears to be in Brimfield.
- Kathy will contact Janine Drake to explain that it is important for ConCom to have access to Go-to-Meeting.
- Questions about the lake front next to the Aqua Riders beach. There is a trailer parked right next to the lake and other stuff just sitting along the beach. Apparently, there are no laws being broken.
- Regarding the complaint about draining water from Hot Tubs onto lawns and shrubs, Kaitlin noted that she will email the swimming pool wetland regulations to members for review. To move forward, they would need to be updated in the bylaws for next year, the Holland bylaws have nothing in them to address waste water.

### **7:00 PM— Public Hearing NOI #184-0373**

**Kelly Bedard/29 Lakeridge Drive**

**Project: Detached Garage**

### **Public Hearing Continuance Opened at 7:07 pm**

**Persons in Attending Remotely:** Chairperson, Jessica Chaffee; Kaitlin Laabs; Kathy McKenna; Marcia Beal; Sam Spratlin; Dawn Kamay; Kelly and Mike Bedard (applicants)

- **Discussion:** Jessica and Kaitlin have recused themselves from this meeting. The Bedards plan to replace their current temporary shed/garage with an permanent structure. They have met all of the setbacks and are working with Jack Keough to make sure that all was set. They have yet to receive the pink slip. The garage will have concrete footings and a concrete floor. The current retaining wall toward the lake will get replaced with a foundation wall. There will be some equipment necessary and excess soil needs to be removed from the site. A silt fence will need to be installed along the straw wattles. The equipment will need to be staged in front of the house. No material can be stockpiled on the property. Jessica asked to have the limit of work noted on the plan. The drop-off behind the garage is beyond the straw wattles. No plantings to be removed for the building of the garage. A well will also be dug and done when the temporary structure will be removed. Jessica asked to have the slurry pit marked on the plan. Sam would like to see the Slurry Pit be reinforced with plywood while the digging to prevent mud from going into the lake. OOC will be drafted at the next meeting.

**MOTION:** Dawn moved to close the Public Hearing Marcia seconded.

- **Members who verbally voted in favor:** Jessica Chaffee, Kaitlin Laabs, Sam Spratlin, Dawn Kamay, Marcia Beal, Kathy McKenna. **No one verbally opposed.** Jessica Chaffee, Kaitlin Laabs abstained as they recused themselves.

- **Motion passed**

- **Public Hearing closed at 7:30 pm**

**Decision:** OOC to be drafted for the next ConCom meeting.

**7:30 PM — Public Hearing Continued NOI #184-0372**

**Robbin Lauzon/42 Over-the-Top Road**

**Project: Demo/Rebuild**

**Public Hearing Opened at 7:32 pm**

**Persons in Attending Remotely:** Chairperson, Jessica Chaffee; Kaitlin Laabs; Kathy McKenna; Marcia Beal; Sam Spratlin; Dawn Kamay; Robbin & Anthony Lauzon (owners); Robin and Anthony Lauzon.

- **Discussion:** Kaitlin reviewed each of the conditions in the OOC with the Lauzon's. Anthony discussed he reinforced the silt fence and Kaitlin noted that the bottom lip needs to be buried. Jessica stated that the contractors need to be very diligent to prevent any run-off. The limit of work will need to be delineated on the plan. The machinery will need to be stored on the driveway. Kathy and Dawn suggested other silt fence and straw wattle barriers to prevent run-off. We need to be made aware at least 2 days ahead of any work being done. The OOC will be given to them in writing. Kaitlin discussed the importance stabilizing the area as the work is being done. For mitigation, 2 more shrubs have been added bringing the total to be planted to 6 shrubs and 3 trees. Jessica indicated because of the changes in plan the OOC will be approved at the next meeting and she will mail the OOC on April 29.

**MOTION:** Marcia made a motion to close the Public Hearing, Dawn seconded.

- **Members who verbally voted in favor:** Jessica Chaffee, Kaitlin Laabs, Sam Spratlin, Dawn Kamay, Marcia Beal, Kathy McKenna. **No one verbally opposed.**

- **Motion passed**

- **Public Hearing closed at 8:05 pm.**

**Decision:** Jessica indicated because of the changes in plan the OOC will be approved at the next meeting and she will mail the OOC on April 29.

**Adjournment:**

- Sam moved to adjourn the meeting, Dawn seconded.

- **Members who verbally voted in favor:** Jessica Chaffee, Kaitlin Laabs, Sam Spratlin, Dawn Kamay, Marcia Beal, Kathy McKenna. **No one verbally opposed.**

- **Motion passed**

- **Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McKenna, Secreta